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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2628

Application No.: 10/807,297

Examiner: J. HSU

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 29, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Hsu and Tung at the interview held December 21, 2006, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

**I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8, 14, 15 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,359,695 B1 to Takahashi et al.; rejects claims 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takahashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,348,975 B1 to Tsunekawa et al.; rejects claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takahashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,033 B1 to Hoshi; and rejects claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takahashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,236 B1 to Date et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.